

Leon County Government
Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

Public Defender

Organizational Code: 110-533-603

Mission Statement

The mission of the Public Defender's Office is to fulfill its constitutional requirement of providing quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses.

Advisory Board

None.

Summary of Services Provided

1. Represent indigent clients charged with criminal offenses filed in Circuit, County, Juvenile, and Traffic Court.
2. Represent indigent clients with cases on appeal to the First District Court of Appeal.
3. Represent indigent clients in civil commitment proceedings under the Jimmy Ryce Act and the Baker Act.

Accomplishments

1. Dismissed or nolle processed 900 criminal cases due to investigation and/or representation.
2. Accelerated over 1,000 felony cases through the Leon County felony "rocket docket."
3. Conducted 180 jury trials with a 25% rate of not guilty verdicts.
4. Provided advocacy and support services to over 100 indigent children and their families through the Team Child Project.
5. Represented over 105 adults in the Leon County Felony Drug Court Program with 25 graduating from treatment programs who were able to preserve their civil rights and maintain a drug free record.
6. Filed over 1,000 Appellate briefs on behalf of indigent defendants.

Current Year Notes

This program is recommended at an increased funding level. These recommendations include:

1. Increase in operating supplies for online investigations, warehouse storage, printer/copier lease and printer toner. Total fiscal impact is \$28,165.
2. Increase in operating supplies/equipment for two new positions. Total fiscal impact is \$3,800.
3. The final budget as approved by the Board includes a \$2,000 reduction technology CIP as requested by the Public Defender's Office in response to a reduction in the millage rate.

Out-Year Notes

There are no Budget Issues requested in FY2008 through FY2011, with the exception of anticipated routine salary, wage, and benefit adjustments.

Objectives / Performance Measures	Indicator	Units	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
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• # of annual caseloads based on assigned cases	Input	#	12,632	13,035	13,500

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Budgetary Costs		FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Continuation	FY 2007 Issues	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
Operating		85,448	87,476	63,176	28,165	91,341	91,341
Capital Outlay		0	2,100	0	3,800	3,800	0
Total Budgetary Costs		<u>85,448</u>	<u>89,576</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>31,965</u>	<u>95,141</u>	<u>91,341</u>
Funding Sources				FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture				85,448	89,576	95,141	91,341
Total Revenues				<u>85,448</u>	<u>89,576</u>	<u>95,141</u>	<u>91,341</u>